

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 CAIRO 09970 041718Z

47

ACTION NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 W

----- 127816

O 041650Z OCT 75

FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 7009

S E C R E T CAIRO 9970

NODIS

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS, US

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT: TAKEOVER OF SINAI FIELDS

REF: A. CAIRO 9969; B. CAIRO 9967

1. DCM AND DATT CALLED ON GENERAL SIILASVUO 1630 HOURS OCTOBER 4. DATT, WHO HAD EARLIER SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT AS COURTESY VISIT, TOLD SIILASVUO OF EMBASSY'S PREOCCUPATION WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOBIL REPS IN TAKEOVER OF SINAI OIL FIELDS.

2. SIILASVUO PROMPTLY LAUNCHED INTO DISCUSSION OF OIL FIELD TAKEOVER QUESTION, STATING THAT ORIGINALLY GENERAL GAMASY HAD TOLD HIM THAT THIS STEP WOULD TAKE PLACE SOMETIME BETWEEN OCTOBER 10 AND 20. HE LEARNED ONLY YESTERDAY ABOUT OCTOBER 5 DATE. SIILASVUO SAID HE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED WITH ISRAELIS WHO FIRST SAID NO, BUT LATER IN EVENING REVERSED THIS POSITION. HIS REPORT INDICATED THAT THIS WAS RESULT OF PERSONAL INTERVENTION OF PRESIDENT FORD WITH ISRAELIS.

3. AT THIS POINT SIILASVUO INFORMED UNSYG WALDHEIM WHO EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER IMPACT ON UNSC AND POSSIBLE UNFAVORABLE REACTION OF SOVIETS. THEREFORE, WALDHEIM WAS NEGATIVE ON UNEF ROLE IN THIS INSTANCE.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 CAIRO 09970 041718Z

4. SIILASVUO THEN STATED THAT, JUST PRIOR TO EARLIER SCHEDULED MEETING WITH MFA MINSTATE MOHAMED RIAD OCT 4 (REFTEL B) TO INTRODUCE UN UNDER/SYG URUQUHART, HE CAME UP WITH IDEA OF UNEF OFFERING ITS GOOD OFFICES AND ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER AT REQUEST OF BOTH PARTIES. THIS ACTION WOULD BE UNRELATED TO PROTOCOL--WHICH SIILASVUO NOTED HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY SIGNED--NOR TO FIRST DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, BUT WOULD BE SEPARATE UNTO ITSELF. RIAD'S REACTION WAS FAVORABLE TO THIS PROPOSAL AND SIILASVUO PRESENTED IT TO WALDHEIM. HE IS NOW AWAITING WHAT HE BELIEVES WILL BE FAVORABLE REPLY FROM UNSYG.

5. MEANWHILE ARRANGEMENTS (REFTEL A) HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MOBIL TEAM TO DEPART AT 2200 HOURS FROM CAIRO-HELIOPOLIS IN COMPANY OF UNEF LIAISON OFFICER. TEAM WILL PROCEED TO SUEZ CITY TO LINK UP WITH UNEF ESCORT. GROUP WILL CROSS CANAL EARLY MORNING OCTOBER 5 AND IS SCHEDULED ARRIVE AT BUFFER ZONE BORDER WITH ISRAELI AREA AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL.

6. SIILASVUO TOLD DCM AND DATT THAT "IF THEY GO INTO ISRAELI AREA, IT WILL BE WITH UNEF ESCORT."

7. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV. EILTS

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGREEMENTS, OIL FIELDS, TREATY ENTRY INTO FORCE, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCES, CAT-B
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975CAIRO09970
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: P850081-2348
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751082/aaaacvfd.tel
Line Count: 85
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: 75 CAIRO 9969, 75 CAIRO 9967
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <30 JUL 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <28 NOV 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT: TAKEOVER OF SINAI FIELDS
TAGS: PFOR, PREL, PGOV, EG, IS, US, UNSC, UNEF, MOBIL OIL, (WALDHEIM, KURT), (FORD, GERALD R), (SIILASVUO), (GAMASY)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006